The ACE Writing Strategy

**Answer the question**
- Answer the question completely
- Use key words from the question in your answer
- This is your claim

**Cite evidence from the text**
- Use clear, specific examples from the text that support your claim
- Refer, provide, describe, define
- Use quotations when citing exact words / phrases

**Explain**
- Explain the connection between your evidence and your claim
- Extend and elaborate the support for the example
- Answer the question “So what?”
Am I an ACE Writer?

DID I...

Answer the question?

- Did I answer the question completely?
- Are there key words from the question in my answer?

Cite evidence from the text?

- Did I pick a clear, specific example from the text?
- Does this example support my claim?
- Did I use quotations when citing exact words / phrases?

Explain, extend, and elaborate?

- So what?
- What is the connection between my evidence and my claim?
Am I an ACE Writer?

DID I…

Answer the question?
- Did I answer the question completely?
- Are there key words from the question in my answer?

Cite evidence from the text?
- Did I pick a clear, specific example from the text?
- Does this example support my claim?
- Did I use quotations when citing exact words / phrases?

Explain, extend, and elaborate?
- So what?
- What is the connection between my evidence and my claim?
Question:

Thesis/Claim:

Cite #1

Explain #1

Cite #2

Explain #2

Did I answer the question completely?
Are there key words from the question in my answer?
Did I pick a clear, specific example from the text?
Does each example support my claim?
So what?
What is the connection between my evidence and my claim?
Did I pick a clear, specific example from the text?

Does each example support my claim?

So what?

What is the connection between my evidence and my claim?

Did I wrap it all up?

Did I restate my thesis/claim?

Did I use different words?

Was I sure not to add any new ideas?